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## NO DANGER OF LOSING HIGHWAY

Chadron-Alliance Road Still in Air Until 1921 Legislature Makes Appropriation

It has been said that Chadron was in grave danger of losing the federal road between here and Alliance, says the Chadron Journal. This is designated by the government as Project 76-A, and is called the Chadron-Alliance road. In order to set at rest the many rumors and cross opinions regarding the progress of this road, the matter was taken up by the Community club and the state department, and the following answer received:

"I am in receipt of your favor of the 10th inst., relative to Project 76-A. In order to set you straight in this matter, I believe it advisable to take up the various steps in the project from the beginning until the contract is awarded.

"In the first place, a preliminary survey is made of the proposed road and plans are drawn. These plans are then taken up by the federal engineer in company with a representative from our office and one from the county office and a field inspection is made of the road and plans completed with actual conditions as found on this inspection. Various revisions are made in regard to alignment, grades and drainage structures after which plans are returned to this office, corrected and an estimate of the cost is made. This is submitted to the federal government with the request that they set aside for us one-half of the expense. As soon as the plans are approved, a contract is drawn up between the government and the state department which we call a Project Agreement, which then sets aside a certain amount of federal money which cannot be used on any other project.

"This is the condition of affairs now on Project 76-A. The government has appropriated their money and it is not in any jeopardy on account of expiration of time, etc. It will remain in the treasury of the United States until such time as vouchers are made on the government showing that actual construction work has commenced. What is lacking now is the state's half of the money. As soon as the legislature appropriate their share on this road, the contract will be let. Yours truly, GEO. K. LEONARD, Assistant Secretary, Dept. Public Works."

The Chadron-Alliance road contains 14.5 miles in Dawes county on which federal aid will be received. It is to be a dirt road, the project statement is approved by the government, the plans are also approved, but it is still to be advertised. The total appropriation for Dawes county is \$107,197.53 of which not a cent has been expended, according to the last monthly report of the department of public works.

This report calls attention to the fact that this appropriation is made from the 1920 levy, which will not be collected until this fall and the spring of 1921.

Although it looks like nothing would be done on the road this year, the money will be available for use in 1921, and what is far better, the Chadron-Alliance road will not be lost.

## NEW DEPARTMENT FOR FASHION SHOP

An announcement of more than ordinary interest to Alliance women appears this week in the advertising columns of The Herald. Elmer McManis for several years past has been traveling representative of an Omaha wholesale millinery house, has made arrangements to establish a millinery department in connection with the Fashion Shop.

The stock and fixtures have been ordered and the new hat shop will be open about August 15. A future announcement will give the date and particulars of the opening, but one thing is assured, the new establishment will have a complete line of all late styles, in fashionable designs and materials, for children, misses and women. There will be a wide range of patterns and designs to afford intelligent selection and Mr. McManis expects to make the new department the leader for this part of the state.

The McCord amusement company is playing this week in Alliance in a tent just west of the Ford garage. Their first performance last evening made a favorable impression. "Mr. Kearney of Killarney" is the attraction for this evening.

## RECONCILIATION IN JUDGE TASH'S COURT

A reconciliation was staged in county court Monday morning between Sterling E. Elliott and his wife Virginia. Complaint was made to the judge Sunday morning, shortly after he returned from church, that Sterling was planning to leave for Cheyenne, Wyo., and leave in Alliance his wife and children. A warrant was issued and Mr. Elliott appeared in court.

Once the complaining witness was face to face with her husband, the domestic difficulties were suddenly ironed out. The couple kissed and made up, and left the court room arm in arm.

Charley Tash, son of County Judge Tash, left for Omaha Friday evening after spending several days in Alliance. He remained over a day longer than he had intended in order to take a chance in the land drawing, and managed to get second place on one of the homesteads. He ran across one of his old buddies, Walter Bloom of Hay Springs, who was in Alliance for the drawing, and the two boys staged a reunion.

## RECOUNT SHOWS A GAIN OF 600

Incomplete Figures Indicate That Alliance Is Entitled to a Higher Mark

With the count still to be made in several blocks, a tabulation of the census reports to date shows a gain of slightly over 600, making the population of the city well over the five thousand mark. The tabulation was made by Secretary Guthrie Tuesday morning. The government census gave Alliance 4,591, and the chamber of commerce has been engaged the past week or so in securing a recount.

Considerable difficulty has been experienced in getting the names of those who lived in Alliance January 1, but have left the city since. The failure to give the names of a number of these people has kept the totals lower.

Another source of disappointment is the fact that the city limits do not include all of the railroad yards and there are a considerable number of people living on the outskirts of the city, as well as a number of Mexican railroad laborers who will not figure in the totals.

## STILL ON LOOKOUT FOR COLORED MEN

The police are still doing their best to locate "Red Mike" and Charles Smith, two colored men who are said to have broken into the home of Gertrude Jackson, colored, at 105 Sweetwater, last week, as well as having robbed two colored employes of Sam Shelton of \$257 and \$46 respectively. A report came in from Gering that two men answering the descriptions had been captured but they proved to be only two of the regulation loafers that have been infesting this part of the country for the last month or two.

"Red Mike" and his friend made their last evening in Alliance a busy one. The first place they visited was the Jackson home where they made away with a gun. They next visited the place about a mile and half out of town where Sam Shelton keeps horses and wagons for his scavenger business. They knocked at the door and it was opened by an old colored man. They shoved a gun in his face and relieved him of his roll, which was quite sizable, figuring some \$257. Another employe was asleep on a bed, and without waking him they removed \$46 from one of his pockets.

The alarm was not given to the police until some time after midnight and the stickups had time to make good their escape. Neighboring towns were notified.

The torrid weather the past two or three weeks has made Broncho lake a most popular summer resort. Merchants report a run on bathing suits, bathing caps and cooling lotions for tanned skins. Almost any low neck dress reveals a suspicious redness these days. A popular form of bathing for kids is accomplished by using the garden hose on the lawn.

The four-minute speech idea, so popular during the war, has been revived in the Methodist church of this city, in connection with the raising of the church budget. R. M. Hampton and County Judge Tash have been the two speakers to date.

## LEFT GATE OPEN DREW A \$5 FINE

First Prosecution Under Law Designed for the Protection of Ranchers

The first prosecution under a law passed in 1917 at the request of Box Butte county ranchers took place Monday morning in county court. This law was introduced by Lloyd C. Thomas, and makes it a misdemeanor to leave open any gate on private property. Out in the sandhills region, where there are as many private roads as there are established thoroughfares, the travelers who neglect to close gates may cause considerable inconvenience to the man whose ranch he passes through, and it was with the idea of protecting themselves from careless autoists and others that the ranchers asked for the introduction of the measure.

Ray Tompkins, who lives a few miles southeast of town, received a fine of \$5 and costs Monday morning complaint being made by Leo Kastner whose ranch is on the Potash highway east of Alliance. Mr. Kastner built his home about half a mile back from the road, but has graded up a private road to his house. This road goes clear through the place and furnishes a splendid thoroughfare to ranches farther north.

Mr. Kastner testified that he had several times found his gate left open, and tiring of it, decided to lay in wait for the man who did it. His watch was rewarded when he saw Tompkins pass through without taking the trouble to close the gate after him.

Mr. Tompkins admitted that he had not closed the gate, but declared that it was a public road and had been a public road for twenty years. Judge Tash said that there were plenty of established roads in that locality, and remarked that if Kastner had closed a public road, he might be fined for doing it. He was certain however, that the road in question was a private thoroughfare and assessed Mr. Tompkins a mild fine, it being his first offense.

Tompkins refused to pay. The court reminded him that in that event he could appeal to district court, and set the amount of the appeal bond at \$100, which was immediately furnished.

## BILL MAUPIN WRITES OF ALLIANCE CENSUS

My advice to Alliance is to quit yelping about the census returns and accept Uncle Sam's findings. Uncle Sam says Alliance has 4,591 citizens. No matter how much Alliance may complain, and no matter how many citizens a municipal census might reveal, everybody will accept the figures made by Uncle Sam. Nine-tenths of Gering's people guessed that Gering would have more than 3,000. Uncle Sam said 2,508, and that settles it. Mere numbers do not make a city, anyhow. We'd rather have the 2,508 now in Gering than to have 10,000 such as Inhabit, or Infest, Constantinople or Tripoli.

A city is measured, not by the number of inhabitants, but by the kind of inhabitants. When the guinea pig sought to make fun of the lion for having only one or two cubs at a birth, instead of a dozen or more, like the guinea pig, the lion retorted: "Yes, only two; but they are lions." And when the visiting king asked the Spartan king where the city walls were, the Spartan king paraded his little army and said: "There are the walls of Sparta—six hundred men, and every man a brick."

So I advise the Alliance people to quit complaining and begin pointing with pride to the kind of people, instead of mere numbers. Alliance more than makes up in "pep" and enterprise what she may lack in mere numbers. And we'd rather have a hundred gottogethers in our midst than a thousand never-was-ers.—Gering Mid West.

T. J. Smith returned from Hot Springs, S. D., Friday night, where he had been to testify in the case of the State vs. Garfield Shavers and William Dorrity, charged with participation in the robbery of an Ardmore store last March. The verdict, which came in several hours after Mr. Smith had left Hot Springs, found Shavers guilty and Dorrity not guilty. Shavers was given a three-year penitentiary sentence. He was picked up by Mr. Smith March 29 last, and a considerable portion of the stolen goods was found on him.

## RAPID PROGRESS ON CITY PAVING

Engineer in Charge Confident That the Work Will Be Finished Some Time This Fall

If the work continues to go as well as it has the past three weeks, there is little doubt that the Alliance paving will be out of the way before the snow flies, according to H. X. White engineer in charge. A good many tons of cement has been poured during the last ten days and another ten days should see the last of the cement pouring in paving district No. 1.

The laying of paving brick will be started next Monday morning on First street. The cushion sand has arrived and some of it is already in place. A belt conveyor will be used in the brick-laying which will furnish brick to the men as fast as they can be put in place. The brick can be laid almost as fast as the cement is poured, and the paving in the first district should be completed within forty-five days. This record may be shortened if the weather continues favorable and no unforeseen delays occur.

E. R. King arrived in Alliance Monday morning and will assist Mr. White in supervising the work. Mr. King was assistant to William Grant in the days when the latter was the city engineer at Lincoln and has had some twenty years' experience in paving work. He is said to be one of the best paving men in Nebraska.

Mr. King comes here from Red Cloud, where he has been supervising paving construction. The work there was halted due to the failure to secure money from the sale of bonds. According to present plans Mr. King will remain in Alliance indefinitely although he expects Red Cloud will be able to get money to proceed with the work within a few weeks.

## ALLIANCE A POOR PLACE TO LOAF

Some of these days the word will be passed, as they say in the navy, that Alliance is an unhealthy place for hoboes, either white or colored. Since the last issue of The Herald, no less than four vagrants have been tried and fined in police court, and at present four tired men are at work on the city's streets and will continue to labor until their fines are worked out.

The roster includes Charles Rogers, colored, who will work out a fine of \$20 and costs; Sam Keith, likewise colored, whose fine and costs amount to \$30; and John Williams, colored too, who was necked \$25 and costs. One white man, Lloyd Samson, was picked up Monday and is out with the colored brethren in an effort to satisfy a fine of \$10 and costs. These arrests were made Saturday and Monday.

One of these men, Sam Keith, was charged with carrying concealed weapons as well as vagrancy. There is no letup as yet in the number of the Sons of Rest who come into Alliance riding on the freight trains. They still infest the depot and yards, and the police are busy shooting them out of town or picking them up when they get nasty. Some of these fellows get pretty hard boiled when told to move on, but a little persuasion generally convinces them that they have no kick coming.

"Sergeant" Reed, the black dog belonging to Chief Reed, is an invaluable aid in rounding up the loafers. He is a mild mannered dog, who likes to scratch for fleas as well as any hound, but he resents it when anyone uses rough language to the chief. If you have any doubts, try it.

## BEWARE OF WHERE YOU DUMP REFUSE

Anyone dumping tin cans or refuse of any kind other than in the enclosed dumping grounds will be fined for so doing.

Mayor Rodgers made this announcement this morning as the first step in the city's campaign to save south Alliance from being covered with junk of one kind and another. The next step is the appointment of a special policeman to stand guard in South Alliance and the first violator will be promptly placed under arrest. So, also, will the other violators.

A number of people have been dumping refuse at the southeast corner of the city farm and elsewhere along fences in that region. This has got to stop, the mayor says.

## GREAT RACING STORY AT IMPERIAL TONIGHT

"Caecers" is the Imperial attraction for this evening. It is said by critics to be the greatest racing story in the world, and far superior to "Old Kentucky" which made such a hit with local fans. A comedy, "Should Waiters Marry" is an added feature.

On Wednesday comes Rex Beach's "The Girl From Outside." That peculiar "punch" which is associated with the written and screen production of Rex Beach is never missing in this newer tale. There is a variety of action working logically and swiftly against the background of snow and greed and gold. The psychology of five crooks is developed relentlessly; as is their progress to a better state of life when they come under the radiant influence of June, the "girl from outside."

"Huckleberry Finn," Mark Twain's immortal humorous masterpiece, is the Thursday bill.

The Imperial has installed several large ceiling fans in the balcony and lower floor. These, in addition to their large ventilation system, make it comfortable these hot days.

## BACK PAY REACHES NEARLY \$125,000

Alliance Employees Will Receive Quite a Nestegg From the Burlington

Alliance Burlington employes will receive in back pay practically \$125,000, according to an estimate made by an employe in the timekeeper's office Tuesday morning. Shortly after the award was accepted, orders were given to make up the payroll and this work is now proceeding. Payment will be made within a short time.

Last Friday the heads of the unions, meeting in Chicago, decided to accept the award of the wage board, with the exception of the telegraphers' representatives, who decided to refer the award to the membership of the union, together with a strike ballot.

## J. W. GUTHRIE AGAIN HOLDING THE REINS

John W. Guthrie is back on the job as acting secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and will remain in that capacity until the directors have decided what arrangements they will make in the way of employing a permanent man for the position.

Rufus Jones, who held the place for a few days at Mr. Guthrie's request, ended his term of service Tuesday and Mr. Guthrie will resume the reins tomorrow morning. It will be recalled that Mr. Jones happened to arrive in Alliance from Denver, where he had disposed of his business interests, just at a time when Mr. Guthrie was called away by a telegram announcing the death of a relative and he merely took charge of the office until Mr. Guthrie was ready to return to the work.

Mr. Jones was again asked by The Herald Tuesday afternoon whether he intended to be a candidate for the permanent secretaryship and he was even more emphatic than before in saying that not only is he not a candidate but that under no imaginable circumstances would he accept the place if it were tendered him by a unanimous vote of the directors. "I have other arrangements in mind," declared Mr. Jones "and as a matter of fact have not the slightest intention of returning to the secretarial field either in Alliance or elsewhere."

## BRAKEMAN BOB ZINK INJURED IN ACCIDENT

Brakeman Bob Zink whose home is in this city, was seriously injured in an accident at Edgemont this morning. He was coupling an air hose when he fell under a moving train, his left leg being crushed below the knee. Amputation will be necessary. He was attended by Dr. Hibbe at Edgemont and was brought to Alliance on No. 46. He is now at St. Joseph's hospital.

Link Lowry reports that the roof garden is having increasingly better crowds each dance bringing out a better bunch than the one preceding. The special attractions have proved exceedingly popular. It is the plan, so we understand, to enclose the garden some time before the snow flies, so that this popular resort will be available during the winter months.

## IN NEW HOME BY OCTOBER 1

A. H. Jones Company Building at Third and Laramie Is Looming Large

Quietly and quickly the new home of the Reo cars and trucks is being erected on Third and Laramie streets and by October first, the Jones company expects to occupy the new building.

The pressed brick fronting which extends on two sides, 75 by 150 feet respectively, presents a very handsome appearance, and the structure as a whole is going to be a big improvement not only to that part of town in which it is located, but to Alliance and surrounding community as well. The location on the corner of these two streets is an ideal one and its value will be enhanced as time passes and more business structures are erected on West Third.

The A. H. Jones company are wholesale distributors of considerable magnitude and control all of western Nebraska, a part of Wyoming and a good chunk of South Dakota territory which will be taken care of by the Alliance branch. The company in the aggregate controls all of Nebraska, a part of Iowa, all of Colorado, part of Wyoming, part of South Dakota and some territory in New Mexico for the distribution of the famous Reo cars and trucks. A wholesale institution of this kind is certainly a credit to Alliance and the fact that the Jones company chose this place for their distributing point speaks well for the business acumen of its management. The Alliance of the west is a mighty good location for big business of any kind.

Mr. Walker, the local manager, states that Reo car and truck owners will soon have a "home" here in Alliance that will be a home in the true sense of the word. Repair parts of every description are carried in stock and a first class service station will be maintained for their benefit. A man buying a Reo can thus be assured of a home for his car that will mean something to him in after years.

The new building will be divided into wholesale offices, parts room, storage for wholesale stocks of cars and trucks, and a large well lighted service shop at the rear end, where Reo specialists will be on hand night and day to take care of any Reo car or truck that may need attention. Mr. Walker says that their favorite slogan "You Can Do It With a Reo" is going to mean just exactly what it says and that his company is here to back up every Reo car and truck in the country with service that really serves. To this end they expect to build up a business organization in Alliance that the city and community at large can well be proud of. Mr. A. H. Jones, president of the company is one of the really big business men of Nebraska and it is largely through his untiring efforts that the present organization has been built up to its present state of efficiency. His faith in Alliance and surrounding territory was indicated by his willingness to make an investment of over \$100,000 here, and we are sure that his faith has not been misplaced. Alliance needs more such business concerns as the A. H. Jones company.

## COLLECTING LICENSE FROM DRAY LINES

Oscar W. Reed, chief of police, has been carrying on a quiet front porch campaign all his own. He is suggesting to owners of dray and taxi lines that they come across with the city's license fee, which range from \$5 on wagons to \$10 on trucks. Back in the days of the war no effort was made to collect this tax. In 1919, Chief Reed encouraged them to dig up, but this year, under Chief Taylor no effort was made. The chief has been hinting rather broadly and a nice stream of money has come into the city's coffers as a result.

Victor E. Burns, who was arrested last week on a charge of running a taxi without a license, secured a continuance until next Monday. His attorney, P. E. Romig was somewhat flustered, during the hearing Friday morning when Chief Reed told him that he ought to know all about the license law—that he was mayor when it was passed. Mr. Romig looked it up before he was sure that Reed was wrong.

C. L. Reynolds and family of the Drake hotel returned Sturday from a two weeks auto trip in Colorado, having visited at Denver, Boulder, Estes Park and Idaho Springs.